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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to urge you and the administration to do every thing in your power to bring to a close the years old Microsoft case. This anti-trust suit is settled but in name and further politicking in Washington or posturing in the media are wasteful and counter productive exercises. The proposed settlement agreement was born of years of litigation, negotiation and mediation. It is a hard fought and won compromise between the several parties and varied interests. It deserves to be adopted for the sake of Microsoft, a great American company, the faltering IT industry, and our national well-being.

The settlement will leave Microsoft as it stood at the outset, the sole leader of America's most innovative industry. It will require the company, however, to change its ways and embrace a more open and pro-competitive business philosophy. Microsoft will have to abandon its software exclusivity demands when selling its platforms to computer manufacturers. It will have to open itself up to regular government review. It must eschew further predatory or anti-competitive marketing practices. It will have to, not just accept, but also promote a more competitive IT world. In doing so it will hopefully become a catalyst for the whole industry.

Please support this settlement.

Sincerely,



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